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Lebanon

Israeli Air Raid — Israeli Air Force planes attacked a "terrorist base" in Al-Biqa' Valley and scored "accurate hits," according to the IDF spokesman cited by IDF radio. The base served as "headquarters and jumping-off point for terrorists" led by Sa'id Musa Muragha, the spokesman added. "More than 100" persons were killed or wounded in the attack on the PFLP and Fatah dissident "security center," Voice of Lebanon noted. However, a military spokesman of Muragha's Al-'Asifah forces cited by Radio Monte Carlo stated that only four Lebanese civilians were killed during the raid, which was aimed against a farm house.

Security Situation — Minister Nabih Birri, the Amal movement leader, directed his group's guamen to withdraw from the streets following clashes with the Al-Murabitun faction in Beirut, Beirut radio reported. The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon noted that "violent clashes" had occurred between the two groups. Meanwhile, artillery shelling continued along the front lines in the Beirut-Mountain area, according to the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio and Radio Free Lebanon. In Tripoli, "fierce clashes" between rival Muslim groups resulted in more casualties and "grave damage" to property, Radio Free Lebanon reported.

In a separate development, following a meeting with Ministers Birri and Walid Junblatt, Prime Minister Rashid Karami disclosed that the Cabinet will meet in Bikfayya on 29 August, Beirut radio reported. Karami added that "all questions are up for discussion" at the forthcoming session.

Plane Hijacking

The Iranian airliner that was hijacked over Iran during a Dubayy-Shiraz-Tehran run was diverted by the hijackers intoKuwaiti airspace and then interceptedby Iraqi fighter planes, according to Tehran radio citing IRNA. The Iraqi planes forced the airliner to fly to Iraq in a "preset plan," the radio added. Kuwaiti air control sources cited by AFP confirmed the interception by Iraqi planes. However, an Iraqi Government official cited by INA denied that the airliner was forced to land in Iraq, and a Kuwaiti Government official cited by KUNA denied that Iraqimilitary aircraft had entered Kuwaiti airspace during the flight of the hijacked plane. All of the passengers and crew landed in Iraq and were taken by the authorities to Baghdad, INA reported. At a news conference reported by the agency, the two hijackers explained their actions as a result of the "oppression under which the Iranian people are living" and as an attempt to "struggle against the Khomeyni regime." Tehran radio reports that Iraq has given political asylum to the hijackers.

Maghreb

Syrian Vice President Muhammad Zuhayr Mashariqah arrived in Tripoli to attend the 1 September Revolution anniversary celebrations, JANA reported. In a statement released to the agency, Mashariqah confirmed the "depth of the brotherhood ties" between Syria and Libya. In a separate development, the Libyan General People's Congress will meet on 31 August to "discuss and ratify" the Arab-African federation between Libya and Morocco, according to a Congress statement broadcast by Tripoli radio. Referring to such agreements, Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid maintained in a speech on 27 August reported by APS that Algeria "rejects" the building of Greater Arab Maghreb on the basis of "tactical objectives and axes." Concerning the Sahara problem, Bendjedid noted that it can only be solved through the framework of the resolutions of the United Nations, Nonaligned Movement, or OAU.

USSR Diplomacy

Kuwait — Kuwait and the Soviet Union are finalizing details of a bilateral trade agreement, KUNA reported citing a Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry official.

Syria — Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad received USSR Ambassador Vladimir Yukhin at the end of his tour in Damascus, Damascus radio reported.

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Defense Minister Visits Ghowr Province

LD281902 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Warm greetings and best wishes were conveyed from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council to the working people of Chaghcharan this morning at a meeting by Lieutenant General 'Abdol Qader, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and the minister of national defense which were received with warmth.

The minister of defense, accompanied by Brigadier Mohammad Yasin Sadeqi, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and head of political affairs of the Army, spoke about the great aims of the April Revolution and the progressive policy of our revolutionary party and state and asked for further cooperation of the people in realizing the aspirations of the revolution to maintain a prosperous life for the toilers, the prosperity of the homeland, and the construction of a blossoming, new society in revolutionary Afghanistan.

In reply, Mawlawi Gul Mohammad, chairman of the council of ulema and religious leaders and a number of others, on behalf of the people of that province, while expressing thanks and gratitude at the fruitful and progressive measures of the state, promised every readiness for defending and safeguarding the gains of the April Revolution.

According to another report, the minister of defense and head of the Army political affairs today took part at a meeting of the joint headquarters of the Ghowr Province. After the basic report was presented to the meeting, discussion was held on the implementation of the complex plan for 1363 in that province and necessary measures were adopted. In conclusion, the minister of defense assessed the work of the meeting and specified the missions and historical responsibilities of the participants to realize the aims of the revolutionary party and state in the interest of the million masses of the country.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Chaghcharan, Ghowr Province, that the minister of defense and head of the Army political affairs today inspected the units and companies of the Sarandoy command and operational battalion of that province. During a meeting with the officers and men of these units, the minister of defense drew their attention to their great responsibilities in defending the homeland and revolution.

Tribal Assembly Pledges Allegiance to PDPA

LD251758 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Text] Brigadier General Mohammad Nabi 'Azemi, assistant to the minister of national defense, took part in a 700-man tribal assembly of Minor Ahmad Khel. Brig Gen Mohammad Afzal Lodin, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and commander of No 3 Army Corps of Paktia Province; the secretary of the provincial party committee; the governor of Paktia Province; and a member of the headquarters of Minor Ahmad Khel also attended.

At the start of tribal assembly and after the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Koran, the assistant to the minister of national defense, the governor of Paktia, and the commander of No 3 Army Corps, spoke in detail about the consolidation of the government authority and restoration of security in the country's villages and hamlets and the complete elimination of the counter-revolutionary bands.

Haji Kandahari Momayiz, Haji Khandi, and some other persons then spoke on behalf of the working people of Minor Ahamd Khel and displayed full readiness for the consolidation of government authorities, for the restoration of security and for crushing of the rebels — these enemies of the people's well-being and prosperity.

At the end of tribal assembly, No 3 tribal regiment was set up and 1,000 patriotic youth of Minor Ahmad Khel were organized in it. They took weapons with revolutionary fervor and chanting the slogans, "Long Live the PDPA; Long Live Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and President of the DRA Revolutionary Council; Death to the Rebels, These Servants of Imperialism and Reaction," they expressed their preparedness for the consolidation of the government authority and intensification of struggle against the counter-revolutionaries.

Reportage on Government Antirebel Actions

Antirebel Process 'Gaining Momentum'

LD261011 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0422 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] Kabul, August 25, BAKHTAR — The process of mopping-out the bandits and counter-revolutionaries who have been exported from beyond the frontiers of the DRA by the war-mongering imperialist forces, the U.S. imperialism at the forefront, is gaining momentum throughout Afghanistan. As a result of the successful operations carried out by the Armed Forces of the DRA in Sevak country of Kabul Province and in Qandahar, Paktia, Balkh, Parvan, Konduz, Ghazni and Konarha Provinces, a number of fugitives were wiped out. Moreover, the Armed Forces of the DRA, with the cooperation of the residents of the concerned areas, destroyed the hide-outs of the bandits and captured various lethal weapons, such as mortars, recoilless field guns, hand grenades, anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, etc.

Kabul Reports Security Operations

LD261732 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] According to a source in the country's security forces, 45 murderers belonging to the Jami'at band, including their leader Abdurrauf, were crushed and 23 others belonging to the Gulbuddin criminal band, including their leader Ahmad Sakhi, were wounded as the result of successful operations by security forces in Enjil district, Herat Province. During these operations, a quantity of assorted weapons and ten enemy hideouts were also destroyed. The security forces seized a quantity of various weapons, one vehicle, and eight motorbikes. As a result of successful operations by the vigilant security forces in Ghazni Province, 53 counterrevolutionaries were crushed. The country's security

forces also seized 5 DShK's with 24 magazines, 1 ZK-1 with 23 magazines, 46 rounds of ammunition for recoilless guns, 56 U.S. hand grenades, 155 antitank and antipersonnel mines, 26 assorted weapons, 9,400 rounds of ammunition for Kalashnikov guns, 10,000 rounds of ammuniton for the .303 rifle, 300 kg of explosives, and 43 mortar shells. Five foodstuff and clothing stores, 13 medicine stores, 107 hideouts and 2 DShK's belonging to the enemy were destroyed during these operations.

As a result of successful security operations in Balkh Province, 23 rebels were crushed and two were captured along with their arms. The security forces also seized 2 rocket-launchers with 6 shells, 1 machine gun, 86 assorted types of weapons, six hand grenades, and 1 vehicle.

According to another report, a number of counterrevolutionaries were crushed as a result of successful operations by the militant security forces of the country in Paktia Province. The security forces also destroyed five DShK's, four mortars, two recoilless guns, three heavy machine guns, two ammunition stores, and two vehicles. A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that a number of rebels were eliminated as a result of successful operations by the country's security forces in Qandahar Province. The security forces also seized 3 binoculars and 25 assorted weapons from these thieves and murderers.

Weapons Seized in Provinces

LD271729 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Text] A number of counterrevolutionary elements — the enemies of our workers' prosperity and tranquility — led by engineer Omar, belonging to the Mahaz-e Milli group, who planned to disrupt the peace and security of people in Kabul Province by committing counterrevolutionary acts, were recently crushed as a result of successful operations by the country's security forces; a number of them were wounded. [Word indistinct] security forces seized a number of weapons transported in a truck.

The vigilant security forces of the country, in order to implement the new phase of improving performances in nationwide security, are daily crushing rebels, the enemies of people's tranquility an dprosperity. According to a security forces' source, recent successful operations by the security forces in Farah Province resulted in a number of assorted weapons, one vehicle, and a motorcycle being seized from counterrevolutionary elements. During other operations in Jowzjan Province by the security forces, a number of assorted weapons were seized, and several villages cleared from the foul existence of the counterrevolutionary elements.

Karachi: Mujahidin Kill 24 Soviet-Karmal Troops

BK271536 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan indicate that, during their activities in Qandahar Province, mujahidin have killed 24 Soviet-Karmal troops. They also damaged two tanks, two jeeps, and three military trucks. Another report says that mujahidin killed nine Soviet-Karmal troops in (Qaya Nigar) area of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Voice of Islamic Revolution on Rebel Activities

GF281342 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Dari 1715 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Summary] According to a report received from the mujahidin, the mujahidin ambushed a group of Soviet-Karmal soldiers in Farah Province and destroyed one truck carrying war materials and killed several Soviet and Karmal soldiers. According to this report, Soviet aircraft bombed Mirza Jan District and wounded 14 civilians. The enemy also used napalm in this attack.

The mujahidin in another surprise attack in Herat Province killed 18 Soviet and Karmal soldiers and captured many arms and war materials. The report adds that in this attack two high-ranking Karmal officers and a political officer of the Karmal regime were also killed. According to another report, the mujahidin have intensified their operations in the Panjsher Valley. The report adds that the Soviet-Karmal soldiers killed 29 civilians in Kama village near Jalalabad. The report adds that this was in retaliation for a mujahidin attack on enemy soldiers 1 day earlier in the Kama area.

Sarboland Returns From Romanian Celebrations

LD252008 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Text] 'Abdol Majid Sarboland, member of the PDPA Central Committee and vice-chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, today returned home after attending the 40th anniversary of the Romanian revolution. Leading a party and state delegation, he went to Romania at the invitation of that country's Communist Party Central Committee and government.

At Kabul International Airport he was welcomed by Sarwar Mangal, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers; by members of the Council of Ministers; by deputy heads of the PDPA Central Committee International Relations Department; by the deputy minister of foreign affairs; and by the deputy head of protocol in that ministry.

Children Return From Visits to USSR Republics

LD252202 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Excerpt] The return of DRA toilers' children by special aircraft from a period of rest in the Central Asian republics of the Soviet Union began today. Some 155 children arrived in Kabul on the first flight which arrived in Kabul at 0700. This year, 1,400 children and 71 instructors were sent to the Tadzhik, Uzbek, and Kirgiz Soviet Socialist Republics by the DRA trade unions.

Delhi Notes Ershad Decision on Parliamentary Poll

BK241410 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 24 Aug 84

[Text] The Bangladesh president, Lieutenant General Ershad, has said that the schedule for the parliamentary elections has been revised to accommodate the opposition viewpoint. He was addressing a public meeting in Netrakona District.

Gen Ershad said that the parliamentary elections will now be held on 8 December before the presidential poll. The government had earlier decided to hold the elections on 27 May.

Opposition Leaders Call Strike 'Total Success'

BK271707 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, the countrywide strike called by the opposition alliances passed off peacefully today. The two main opposition — the 15 parties and the 7 party alliances — gave the call for a bundh [strike] to press their demands for lifting martial law and holding of parliamentary election under a non-party neutral government.

Our Dhaka correspondent, Pradhakar Mishra, reports that during the bundh from 0600 in the morning till 1200 noon, rickshaws — the main mode of transport — and public and private vehicles were off the road in the capital. All shops and business establishments were closed.

The alliance leaders have claimed total success of the strike.

According to UNITED NEWS OF INDIA, police burst teargas shells to disperse a violent mob during the strike. Sixteen policemen were injured when a mob attacked a patrol van near Dhaka. The agitators also attacked the Dhaka office of the Janadal Party, injuring two policemen and some Janadal workers.

Lawyers Strike 26 Aug To Press Charter Demands

BK261359 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, about 13,000 lawyers today abstained from courts throughout the country to press their 6-point charter of demands.

The demands of the lawyers include restoration of the constitution along with fundamental rights, lifting of martial law,and restoration of writ jurisdiction of the high court.

The All India Radio Dhaka correspondent, Prabhakar Mishra, reports that the lawyers went in a procession to Shahid Minar [martyrs monument] in Dhaka and took a pledge to continue their agitation for the realization of their 6-point demand.

The lawyers also decided not to attend courts tomorrow in response to a call given by the main opposition party alliances.

Delhi Updates Flood Report; 537 More Deaths

BK281551 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, floods have claimed more than 1,000 lives this year. In the last 2 months 537 deaths have been reported from the flood-affected areas. The May floods had killed 500 people in the northeastern district of Sylhet and [words indistinct] towns. Over 3 crore people have been affected by the current floods in the country.

Parliament Extends President's Rule in Sikkim

BK280953 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Parliament has given its approval to the continuance of president's rule in Sikkim for a further period of 6 months from 25 November this year. The Rajya Sabha adopted a statutory resolution to this effect today which the Lok Sabha approved earlier.

Replying to the discussion, the home minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, said the political problems in Sikkim are partly inherited and partly created. These are th outcome of different ethnic interests working at cross-purposes. But the center would not like them to develop into election issues. These are to be sorted out in national interest, he said. The resolution evoked a mixed response, with the opposition members criticizing the continuance of president's rule in Sikkim and the ruling party members justifying the move because of the conditions prevailing in the state.

Rule Extended in Punjab

BK280959 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Parliament has approved the continuance of president's rule in Punjab for a further period of 6 months with effect from 6 October. The Rajya Sabha adopted a statutory resolution to this effect today.

Minister Denies Major Constitutional Change

BK281249 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] The union finance minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, has allayed the fears expressed by some members in the Rajya Sabha that a major constitutional amendment is being contemplated on the eve of the Lok Sabha elections. He made the observation in the house when members expressed apprehension that such an amendment is being contemplated. Mr Mukherjee, who is leader of the house, said a change in the Constitution cannot be brought about outside the house. He said the issue has been discussed several times and there is no need for the house to spare time for a topic which does not exist. Earlier, several opposition members drew the attention of the house to a newspaper report that discussion was held last night by some ruling party members on the presidential form of government.

Reportage on Arrests of Akali Dal Members

400 Apprehended in Punjab

BK280856 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] In Punjab, over 400 Akali Dal workers have been apprehended by the police under the preventive provisions. According to an official spokesman, the arrests have been made in apprehension of breach of peace.

Top Sikh Leader Arrested

BK290539 Hong Kong AFP in English 0530 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 29 (AFP) — A top Sikh leader in Punjab was taken into custody today as police continued a swoop on Sikhs, arresting 224 in the Amritsar District alone since yesterday, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency reported.

The arrests came three days before the world Sikh convention scheduled to be held in the Sikh holy city on Sunday. The government has banned the holding of the convention, likely to be attended by 400,000 delegates, saying it might provoke violence.

Prakash Singh Majitha, the convenor of the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, was arrested from his house during a pre-dawn swoop today, PTI said. Mr. Majitha is considered to be the top leader since other leaders have been in prison since the Indian Army stormed the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar June 5.

Among the others arrested today were Niranjan Singh Patti, an Akali deputy, and two senior officials of the powerful Sikh Temple Committee. Quoting police sources, PTI said that with the latest arrest, the number of Sikhs taken into custody rose to 224 today in Amritsar District alone. Arrests were also reported from other Punjab districts, but details were not immediately available. A section of Sikhs in Punjab are campaigning for greater political autonomy for their rich farming state which borders Pakistan.

Arrests Expected To Continue

BK291200 Hong Kong AFP in English 1139 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Excerpts] New Delhi, Aug 29 (AFP) — Meanwhile, Amritsar journalists reached from here by telephone said authorities had stepped up security in the city which has a population of 500,000, fearing a breach of peace with three days to go for the convention. Para-military troops were seen patrolling vulnerable points in the city. Newsmen said that police raids were still continuing and that the final arrest figure would be "much higher...running into four figures."

In Patiala, a former princely state and considered to be one of the strongholds of the Akali Party, police reportedly arrested 11 Sikhs. Their identity was not immediately known, press reports said. Meanwhile, five top Sikh priests who had given the call for the convention to discuss the "grave threat" faced by their religion met in Amritsar today to review arrangements for the convention.

Newsmen said it was unlikely that the convention would be held as planned as authorities were determined not to allow such a large number of people to reach Amritsar. The government issued the ban on the grounds that the gathering might trigger violence. Journalists said they had been informally told by officials that the administration would not hesitate to impose a curfew on the city in the event Sikhs managed to reach Amritsar.

Meanwhile, the UNITED NEWS OF INDIA said that many lower ranking Sikh leaders and party activists had gone underground since yesterday to evade arrest.

Adequate Arrangements Made for Bihar Strike

BK290648 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] In Bihar, adequate arrangements have been made to maintain normal life in view of the 12-hour bundh [strike] today. According to an official spokesman, the government will firmly deal with any attempt to disturb peace. The call for the bundh has been given by most of the opposition parties in the state to protest against the recent political developments in Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Our correspondent, who went around some parts of Patna this morning, reports that life in the city is normal.

Yugoslav President Addresses News Conference

BK281631 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Addressing a news conference in New Delhi [Yugoslav] President Djuranovic said Yugoslavia has suggested an international conference under UN auspices to break the present deadlock over West Asia and Palestine. It feels that the nonaligned countries can put forward the idea at the UN General Assembly session next month. The Yugoslav president said he has discussed with Mrs Gandhi the possibility of a nonaligned coordinating bureau discussing this suggestion when it meets at the ministerial level next month.

He did not agree with a correspondent that the lack of progress in resolving the conflict was a failure of the Nonaligned Movement. He referred to the numerous initiatives taken by the Nonaligned Movement and also by other organizations which had all been unsuccessful. He said he has discussed the problem with Mrs Gandhi, but it is really up to thetwo parties involved to see that reason prevails.

President Djuranovic referred to the worsening international situation and said this is a matter of concern to all countries, particularly to the nonaligned. In this context, the Nonaligned Movement has a much more important role to play. He expressed satisfaction at the way the movement has been playing its part since the New Delhi summit.

President Djuranovic expressed satisfaction at his talks with Indian leaders. He is leaving New Delhi tomorrow morning for Khajuraho and Bangalore.

Trade Agreement Signed With Yugoslavia

BK281404 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] India and Yugoslavia today signed an agreement to set up a consortium of importers and exporters for giving a thrust to bilateral trade. It would help in conducting and implementing linked deals over and above the normal trade flow between the two countries. Under the agreement, exchange of goods effected by 31 March next year have been valued at $136 million.

Both the countries have identified items of value which can be traded between them in linked deals in addition to the normal trade. The agreement was signed between the cochairman of the India-Yugoslavia joint committee for economic cooperation, Commerce Minister Mr V.P. Singh, and member of the Federal Executive Council of Yugoslavia, Dr Rikard Steiner.

Cabinet Discusses Indian Plane Hijacking

BK281729 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Excerpts] The Federal Cabinet met in Rawalpindi today under the chairmanship of the president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq. The Cabinet which reviewed the progress of the population registration work was informed that 86.7 percent of the population has been issued identity cards throughout the country till the last month. The breakup of the identity cards issued was Punjab 89 percent, Sind 86.6 percent, Northwest Frontier Province [NWFP] 83.9, Baluchistan 62.1, Azad Kashmir 87.6, and northern areas 78 percent. An official spokesman briefing newsmen in Islamabad tonight said the estimated population in the Punjab as of July 1984 was 51.6 million, in Sind 21.1 million, in NWFP 12.1 million, and in Baluchistan 5.3 million, while in the northern areas it was 614,000 and in Azad Kashmir 2.1 million.

The Cabinet discussed the latest hijacking of the Indian airlines plane which landed at Lahore and Karachi. It appreciated the work of the two provincial governments and all other agencies, including the Foreign Office and the armed forces involved in handling the situation keeping in view the safety of passengers. The Cabinet noted that there was no loss of life and ultimately the episode came to an end in Dubai.

Replying to a question, the spokesman said the Indian prime minister spoke to the president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq on phone and said the security of the passengers should be ensured and the plane should not be allowed to take off. The spokesman said that the president told the Indian prime minister that the safety of passengers was uppermost in their mind and if the lives of the passengers were in danger, the plane would be allowed to take off.

Indian Government Complicity Seen

BK290706 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] A sizable section of the Indian people believes that the recent hijacking of the Indian airliner first to Pakistan and then to Dubai was a theatrical performance enacted at the behest of Bharat Sarkar [the Indian Government]. An agency report says this opinion is equally shared by certain influential newspapers in India.

Commenting on the Indian minister of civil aviation's remarks in Parliament on Monday evening that there was no firm evidence of any weapon having been taken into the aircraft in contravention of Indian regulation, people of opinion frequently ask if there was no weapon on the aircraft, how and why the crew, some of whom had the experience of being on the hijacked plane more than once, agreed to be commanded by the hijackers. One of the newspapers, the *AL JAMIAT*, in its issue today said no earnestness could be viewed in the entire hijacking episode starting from Chandigarh on Friday last. The paper adds, if anyone (?will) ask such people as to why the government enacted such a drama, the reply was that the biggest need at the moment of the government was to win election and that everything was fair in love and election.

Guarantees Discussed at UN Talks on Afghanistan

BK290626 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] In Geneva today, the question of international guarantee figured prominently on the 2d day of the indirect talks on the Afghanistan problem.

Mr Diego Cordovez, the personal representative of the UN secretary general, held 2 hours of discussions with Pakistani and Kabul delegations. He sought clarifications from them about the meaning and application of the international guarantee vis-a-vis the overall settlement. Mr Cordovez shuttled between the two rooms four times after starting the discussions with the Kabul delegation.

Meanwhile, informed sources at Geneva said that the matter of recent border violations and bombardment of Pakistani territory by the Karmal regime forces resulting in killing of innocent people was raised by the Pakistani side and was dealt at their talks. The Pakistani delegation said it was regrettable that these incidents took place in quick succession on the eve of the Gevena talks. However, Pakistan showed extreme restraint and did not retaliate. Pakistan also did not adopt the course of abadoning the Geneva process despite grave provocation because it honestly believed that this was the best available process to solve the Afghan crisis.

Bhutto's Sons To Be Tried in Absentia

GF281451 Karachi DAWN in English 23 Aug 84 p 2

[Text] Lahore, Aug 22: The Special Military Court trying 96 people, 40 of them in absentia including Shahnawaz and Murtaza Bhutto on charges of attempting to overthrow the Government by force, directed the defence counsel on Tuesday to apply to it in writing for the provision of the copies of the first information report [FIR] against the accused and the statements they had made under sections 164 and 161, Cr. P.C. [criminal penal code]. The counsel have also been directed to submit to the court in writing the objections they have against its functioning and procedures.

So far as the provision of facilities permissible under the jail manual for 56 of the accused now in the Kot Lakhpat jail is concerned, the court ruled that one of its members should inspect the barracks where the detenus were presently detained. The court adjourned to meet again on Aug 23.

Mian Bashir Zafar and Mr. Abdul Sattar Najam appeared on behalf of the accused.

Al-Zulfiqar Members Forging Identity Cards

GF281534 Karachi DAWN in English 24 Aug 84 p 2

[Text] Lahore, Aug 23: The Crimes Branch police has disclosed that the terrorist organisation Al-Zulfiqar has been forging national identity cards to conceal the true identity of its members when on a "mission" to Pakistan.

The Crimes Branch has cited the example of two alleged terrorists who were provided with bogus identity cards before being sent to Pakistan on a "hit mission" from Delhi.

The two alleged terrorists Javed Akhtar (code name Imtiaz) and Talat Mahmood Jafri (code name Kamal) were apprehended in Lahore and two national identity cards recovered from their possession.

The cards, bearing Nos. 265-56-25540 and 260-52-141020, actually belonged to Mohammad Yunus of Farooq Gani, Lahore, and Shah Din of Nasirabad, Sialkot, according to an inquiry made by the Crimes Branch police. Both the cards were genuine except for the photographs.

The owners of the cards when contacted said that they had lost their identity cards and had duplicates made.

According to a letter addressed by the Superintendent of Police. Crimes Branch, to the Station House Officer, Wahdat Colony Police Station, for registration of case of fraud and forgery against the two alleged terrorists, the accused had come from India where they had received training in subversive activities. Al-Zulfikar had sent them on a "hit mission" to Pakistan.

Wahdat Colony police have registered a case under sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 of the PPC [Pakistan Penal Code] against the two accused.

DAWN Editorial on Soviet Influence in Gulf

GF251000 Karachi DAWN in English 19 Aug 84 p 5

[Editorial: "Soviet-Kuwait Arms Deal"]

[Text] A significant development in Middle East politics, and perhaps one likely to have far-reaching impact on the region, is the recent military sales agreement between Kuwait and the Soviet Union. As reported by the KUWAIT NEWS AGENCY, Moscow is to supply the Gulf state with latest weapons amounting to 327 million dollars to help modernise its Army, Air Force and air defence system. The deal, which was initialled last month, during the visit of Kuwait's defence Minister Shaykh as-Salim as-Sabah to Moscow, came after the U.S. refusal to accede to Kuwait's request for Stinger air-to-surface missiles which Kuwait regards as necessary for its security, especially in view of the continuing crisis in the Gulf and the danger of an escalation of the Iran-Iraq war. Although the Kuwaiti decision to turn to the Soviet Union is not entirely unexpected, since for some time now this Gulf country has been seeking to diversify itsarms supply sources as a matter of policy, the step marks a radical departure from its earlier stance.

The only one of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states to maintain diplomatic relations with Moscow and the one with the most liberal foreign policy in an area dominated by 'conservatives', Kuwait's foreign policy orientation has, nevertheless, been generally pro-Western. Of late, however, disillusioned with the United States' one-sided policy on the Middle East, especially with regard to the Palestinian issue, the country has felt called upon to advocate a more active role for the Soviet Union in the region. As such, it has backed a Soviet proposal for an international conference on the Middle East conflict. Its decision to accept Soviet arms, instead of turning to its more traditional allies in the West, is another significant manifestation of this latest trend. Kuwait, however, is not the only Middle Eastern state that has lately displayed its dissatisfaction with the role of the U.S. as the 'exclusive' peace-maker in the region. Egyptian-Soviet relations, after having been in the doldrums for more than a decade, have started looking up again. Describing the Soviet call for an international conference as 'good initiative', the Egyptian Government has also joined Kuwait, the PLO and Jordan in supporting the idea of Soviet involvement in a Middle East solution. Similar trends in Jordan, too, indicate a shift from a total and exclusive dependence on the West to a more pragmatic approach.

The growing disillusionment with the West has led to a situation that could favour new initiatives in the region. The Kuwaiti move might just prove to be the opening needed. In fact, it has long been felt that the U.S. efforts to 'seal off' the Persian Gulf from Soviet influence has been the factor responsible not only for the instability of the region but also for the cloud of uncertainty over south-west Asia. Given the position of the Soviet Union as a superpower and its proximity to the region, it has been unrealistic to have tried to keep it out of the Middle East politics altogether. The move by Kuwait, together with similar developments or indications of a shift in the foreign policy orientation of some other Middle Eastern countries, may well set a new pattern which could profoundly influence the course of events in the region.

Iraq Gives Political Asylum to Hijackers

GF290614 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] As expected, the Zionist regime of Iraq in its continued backing of terrorist activities has given political asylum to the hijackers of the airbus belonging to the civil aviation department of the Islamic Republic of Iran. According to Baghdad news agencies reports, so far nothing is known about measures taken by the Baghdad government toward the return of 206 Iranian passengers to Iran. According to international rules, the Iraqi regime soon must take measures for the return of all the passengers of the hijacked plane to Iran.

The Iranian airbus with 206 passengers on board was hijacked yesterday by a group of terrorists while in flight on its Dubai-Shiraz-Tehran route. It was intercepted byfighter planes of the Saddam Husayn regime in Kuwaiti airspace in an open act of piracy and forced to land in Iraq. It continues to be parked on an Iraqi airfield near Baghdad and its passengers have been transferred to Baghdad city. News agencies report that at 1100 yesterday the 11 crew members were forcibly transported to an unknown destination.

Israeli Media Influence Noted

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[Excerpt] It should be added that most news transmitted by Western news agencies concerning this hijacking has originated from Tel Aviv, or has been reported on Israeli radio and then used by news agencies. Also, as was foreseen, according to the reports we have received, a news conference has been arranged for later today for the hijackers who, according to international laws, should be tried.

This incident follows the attack by aircraft of the Zionist Iraqi regime against the aircraft of the Algerian foreign minister, leading to his death, making this now the second time the Iraqi regime has carried out an attack against a civilian aircraft, in violation of international regulations.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,833

LD281817 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Communique No 1,833 of Joint Staff Command of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the past 24 hours, battles continued along all fronts of the imposed war with the exchange of artillery and mortar fire.

In the west and northwest operational sectors, combatants of Islam, defending their positions, destroyed some enemy equipment and, by vigilance and timely fire, prevented any enemy movement or reinforcement. Losses inflicted on the enemy in those regions included seven weapons trenches and two observation posts destroyed, and six killed or wounded.

In the southern operational sector, combatants of Islam, controlling the operational activities or movements of the Iraqi forces, obstructed and limited all the Saddamist mercenaries' moves and activities with heavy weapons fire. The enemy's known losses west of Arvand Rud included 14 assorted trenches and 2 observation posts.

In the Nahr-e-Anvar region too, a number of enemy vehicles were hit by our combatants fire and a number of them were destroyed.

Forces Continue Departures for Battlefronts

Kazerun Guards, Support Units

LD250853 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Text] Simultaneously with the sacrifice of the blasphemy-ridding forces of Islam, various segments of the population continue to depart voluntarily for the fronts of the imposed war to crush the Zionist enemy.

According to reports that have reached us, a group of selfless mobilization forces and members of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Kazerun left for the battlefronts during the past few days. Also, a battalion made up of the selfless combatants from the Al-Quds battalion [as heard], in order to join Islam's champions, left from Tabriz for the battlefronts of light against darkness amid a warm sendoff from their families. Also, according to a dispatch from Bakhtaran, a battalion made up of the warrior Kalhor tribes left Gilan-e Gharb amid ceremonies for the battlefronts of right against wrong.

In addition, the departure of service and technical forces has also continued in order to support the epic-creating forces of our Islamic homeland on the battlefronts of right against wrong. During the past few days, 65 first and second grade brother drivers, mechanics of light and heavy machinery, welders, fighting engineering forces, relief forces, laborers from the war support headquarters of the Mazandaran construction jihad, and a group of first grade drivers from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs have left for our country's war zones.

Dashtestan Volunteers

GF261918 Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] The widespread departure of infidel-fighting youth of Bushehr Province for the fronts of the battle of right against wrong continues each day. According to a dispatch by the Central News Unit, a group of mobilization warriors left Dashtestan this afternoon after ceremonies outside the headquarters of the mobilization department of the Borazjan Islamic Revolution Guards Corps for the battle of light against darkness. These warriors of the army of God were warmly seen off by a group of Borazjanis.

Montazeri Calls for Reforms in Bureaucracy

LD281936 Tehran IRNA in English 1810 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Qom, Aug. 28, IRNA — Six years after the Islamic Revolution bureaucracy still thrives in Iran and people have to spend days going from one office to another for a simple task, Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri said Tuesday.

"One thing which makes people disenchanted are entagling administrative laws and nonsense paper games which have remained from the former regime and unfortunately have not been covered by the revolution," he said.

"Why should such unnecessary laws or offices still exist after the passage of six years since the revolution? I think with a revolutionary decision the government could eliminate these unnecessary laws and offices or merge them together."

Speaking to a group of local officials and martyrs' families here, Ayatollah Montazeri said since he received most of the people's grievances it was appropriate for him to express the people's demands during government week.

He said the government should allow committed merchants to handle most of the domestic and foreign trade under its supervision. This would make "the people more satisfied and the government would be more successful in fulfilling its goal of serving the deprived and oppressed people."

"I have mentioned this fact many times that where possible the government should not interfere directly in tasks which it can not handle, such as the distribution of minor and non-basic goods."

Government positions, Ayatollah Montazeri added, must be given to competant individuals and warned that any kind of corruption in the government administration would not only defame a particular official but would discredit the government, Islam, the ulema and the leadership.

Velayati Comments to SFRY Envoy on Camp David, Iraq

LD281859 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Yugoslav Ambassador to Tehran Edward Kljun met with Foreign Minister Velayati this morning.

During the meeting, the Yugoslav ambassador asked for further contacts between the two countries. Foreign Minister Velayati described the policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations. Considering the repeated crimes committed by that regime, he asked that Yugoslavia join this move. He described the Camp David accord as Egypt's treason against Muslim and nonaligned countries. He said: If Egypt wishes to end its isolation and join the Islamic Conference and the Nonaligned Movement, it should abandon the Camp David accord.

He said: As a founder-member of the Nonaligned Movement, Yugoslavia should follow the chief nonaligned principles and fight against plots which attempt to bring the Zionist regime of Israel in contact with the Third World.

Referring to the recent plot hatched by America and its lackeys in the Red Sea, Velayati said: They have not found even one mine in the Red Sea. These plots are all aimed at bringing America and other Western powers to the Red Sea. The principle culprit of these agitations and the presence of imperialism in the Red Sea is the Egyptian regime, which is still faithful to the Camp David accord. Finally, he referred to the crimes committed by the Ba'thist regime of Iraq. He said: Peace will return to the region when those responsible for the disturbance, that is Saddam Husayn and the Ba'th party of Iraq, are overthrown.

Minister Gharazi Discusses Issues on Sanandaj Visit

Oil, Natural Gas Industries

GF260645 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] Petroleum Minister Gharazi, who is currently visiting Sanandaj, addressed a session of the administrative council of Kordestan Governorate in Sanandaj. He discussed the history and role of oil and Iran's position in the world after the revolution, saying:

The revolution dealt a severe blow to the ranks of the world-devourers. The daily demand for oil was very high — 56 million barrels daily — at the time. When 5 million barrels of Iranian oil were withdrawn from the world market the price rose astronomically. The price of oil, which had only been rising cent by cent over a period of 70 years, began an uphill spiral after the revolution, forcing the world devourers to reduce oil consumption or pay a higher price. This dealt a major economic blow to the big oil companies and to the superpowers. The price of oil, which was previously $12, rose to $36 in the world market.

On the imposed war, Mr Gharazi said: The imposed war of Saddam Husayn destroyed 60 percent of our oil-refining capacity over a 24-hour period. With this action of Saddam, the superpowers and their agents were waiting for us to become paralyzed. Despite the fact that the Abadan refinery was destroyed and 65 percent of our oil-refining operations were halted, the oil for national consumption was refined by our seven other refineries. Even though this did not equal the production level of the Abadan refinery, we were able to increase our daily oil production from the above refineries from 400,000 barrels per day to 700,000 barrels per day, thanks to the ceaseless efforts of the employees of the National Iranian Oil Company. This is a sign of the trend of our Islamic Revolution and of the cooperation of our people and their continuous presence on the scene.

On the subject of the gas industry and the progress of our Petroleum Ministry, Mr Gharazi said: For 70 years, gas burned alongside oil and only 5 million cubic meters were used. After the revolution, however, the consumption of Iran's natural gas reached 30 million cubic meters and the number of consumers reached 300,000 and more. Under our present plan, 80 small and big towns so far have been blessed with natural gas.

OPEC, Counterrevolutionaries

LD261756 Tehran IRNA in English 1735 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] Sanandaj, Aug. 26, IRNA — Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi has termed the visits of the OPEC delegations to some member countries as fruitful. He said that the visits have resulted in oil export coordination with some of the countries concerned.

Gharazi said also in an interview with IRNA on the occasion of government week, that Iran is fully capable of meeting both its domestic and export oil production quotas. The reason for Iran's reduced production, Gharazi added, was to convince other OPEC members of the need to reduce exports for the purpose of stabilising oil prices. The long term benefits of such measures would be to bring the oil price up to its original level, he noted. Iran's role in such measures, Gharazi continued, would certainly be effective in improving oil prices.

Concerning the transporting of oil for domestic use within the country, Gharazi said that Iran purchased 4000 tanker trucks last year and is continuing with oil pipelines construction through the country during the current year. He said that he did not foresee any problems arising in production and distribution of oil products inside the country.

Commenting on the activities of counterrevolutionaries in Kordestan, he said that since the early day of the Revolution, the Western and Eastern oriented splinter groups had waged an armed campaign for imposing themselves on the residents of cities and villages. However, he said, thanks to God, nowadays, they do not have any concentration hqs. in the Kordestan region.

Oil Exports Planned for Investment in Industry

LD251119 Tehran IRNA in English 1104 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Text] Arak, Aug. 25, IRNA — A portion of Iran's oil exports will be allocated for investment in major and strategic industries to guarantee future foreign exchange needed for factories, through the production of raw materials and their export.

The new minister of industries, Gholam Reza Shafe'i, announced this Saturday at a press conference in which he outlined future programs of this ministry.

Referring to the long-term plans of the Industries Ministry, Shafe'i said that in the future projects, oil should be turned into a national investment to pave the way for the expansion of economy.

He stressed that Iran's industry can be changed into a powerful industry capable of meeting at least 50 percent of local needs.

He said that some 2.750 billion dollars in funds has been allocated to the industrial sector of the country for the current year, emphasizing the need to increase the fund in order to increase factory production.

The new minister noted that measures will be taken to improve the quality of goods by factories affiliated with the Ministry of Industries and by other plants.

Internal Development Project Allocations Detailed

LD261908 Tehran IRNA in English 1655 GMT 26 Aug 84

[Text] Zahedan, Aug. 26, IRNA — On the occasion of the government week, the governor general of Sistan-Baluchestan Province announced that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is attempting to remove oppression from all deprived sections of the country.

He added that during the current year, the government allocated about 9 billion rials (dls. 101 m.) for 430 developmental projects and 280 million rials (dls. 3.146 m.) for eliminating deprivation of the province.

Moreover, some 3 billion rials (dls. 33.7 m.) credit was put at the disposal of the governor general of the province since March 21, 1983 to be spent on securing the borders from the entry of smugglers, particularly drugs. The funds will also be used for border-posts, development and expansion and operation of industries, agricultural projects and production of construction materials.

These credits have so far been used for 37 agricultural and animal husbandry projects, 51 industry and mine plans and 31 plans for the production of construction materials.

Meanwhile, according to reports from Kerman, the government has invested some 2 billion rials (dls. 22.4 m.) during the last two years for development and agricultural projects in the region of Jazmurian and Jiroft. Political deputy of the governor general's office in Kerman, speaking on the occasion of government week, said that 12 billion rials development budget, allocated for Kerman last year, was three times more than that of the 79-80 budget.

Referring to an important project, which is being started in Kerman Province, he announced that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is establishing a major rubber industries complex in the Sirjan region spending 10 billion rials (dls. 112.3 m.). When it goes into operation, 35 percent of the country's tire needs would be met.

He concluded by saying that more than 100 industrial projects were agreed upon in principle in Kerman Province last year.

FRG Parliamentarians Visit Projects in Esfahan

LD290844 Tehran IRNA in English 0735 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] Esfahan, Aug. 29 IRNA — Members of the visiting West German parliamentary delegation inspected a number of development and agricultural projects under implementation by construction jihad in Esfahan Tuesday. The delegation also visited Qarneh village and sanitary establishments there as well as the projects for supplying electricity to the village and the building of a mosque and library there.

The German parliamentarians then visited historical monuments in Esfahan and left the city Tuesday night.

The delegation had arrived in Tehran on Sunday.

Foreign Ministry Statement Condemns RSA Arrests
LD270820 Tehran IRNA in English 0756 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug 27 IRNA — The Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Islamic Republic in a statement released here condemned vicious attempts by the racist regime of South Africa for the arrest of students opposing the new constitution in that country.

The statement noted that the new constitution prepared by the racist regime, was another step to humiliate the black masses.

It further stressed that the racist South African regime which was imposing an oppressive rule over the region, while being backed by international imperialism, had deprived the oppressed people of their rights.

Referring to the compilation of a new constitution and holding of sham elections there, the statement condemned such deceitful attempts which were aimed at downgrading rights of the 23 million black people majority in that country.

No doubt, it stressed, with the vigilance of the oppressed masses of that region, oppressive policies of the racist governments will soon undergo drastic changes and banning of the elections by the non-whites and support of the students for them was proof to it.

Commentary Urges Afghan Vigilance in Geneva Talks
GF281400 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpt] Dear listeners, despite being confronted with many imperialist conspiracies, the resistance of the Muslim Afghan people is continuing. Latest reports from reliable sources show that the offensive organized on a wide front by the forces of the Babrak Karmal regime and the occupationist Soviet troops against the Panjsher valley, the northern valley [as heard], and Paktia Province has been unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, the Geneva talks have begun between the foreign ministers of Pakistan and the Babrak Karmal regime under the auspices of the United Nations body. But an interesting point in that regard is the absence of representtives of the Afghan mujahidin in the talks. Thus, taking into consideration the realities related to the Islamic revolution of Afghanistan, positive results cannot be expected from the Geneva talks or from any other similar negotiations. Nevertheless, the Afghan mujahidin must maintain their vigilance on this matter and never rule out any eventuality.

Reports from Afghanistan, on the other hand, show that the resistance put up by the Muslim people of that country is gradually strengthening and attaining peak levels. Recently, revolutionary Muslims repulsed a major offensive against Paktia Province organized jointly by the Babrak Karmal regime and the occupationist Soviet troops. In a counterattack, the mujahidin were able to destroy seven enemy tanks and kill or wound many enemy troops.

Iraq Lobbies Against Israel's Ouster From UN
LD290732 Tehran IRNA in English 0715 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 29 IRNA — Baghdad is stepping up efforts for blocking Iran's move towards the dismissal of the Al-Quds occupying regime from the United Nations, according to informed sources in the Middle East. They say Saddam Husayn has been recently encouraging Arab leaders and lobbying others at the United Nations by his own men in order to ensure that the proposal will not be ratified by the United Nations in its 39th General Assembly this year.

On Sunday this week the foreign ministers of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Morocco and North Yemen met in Baghdad to harmonise policies against the Islamic Revolution and also adopt a strategy for counterbalancing Iran's move for ousting the Al-Quds occupying regime from the United Nations.

Some time ago the Al-Quds occupying regime assured Baghdad that it would not in any way damage Iraq's trunkline from Kirkuk to Aqaba. It even assured Baghdad regime that it would be willing to buy Iraq's oil. The move by the regime occupying Al-Quds was in response to an earlier recognition of the Al-Quds occupying regime by Saddam Husayn.

IRNA: Iraqi Secret Police Included Among Pilgrims
LD280958 Tehran IRNA in English 0835 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Mecca, August, 27, IRNA — About 150,000 Iranians are to arrive here in forthcoming days in their pilgrimage to this Holy City, plus a large number of Iranians from other countries.

The English daily *ARAB NEWS* published here said in its issue today that about 2,300,000 Muslims from various parts of the world are to arrive here for the greatest of this Muslim ritual. Last year about 2.5 million pilgrims comprising 110 nationalities participated in the ceremonies.

This year the number of pilgrims arriving from some countries is expected to be lower than it was in last year. Among such countries are Iraq, though the paper has said nothing of the reasons for the drop this year of the Iraqi pilgrims.

Among a relatively small number of Iraqi Muslims here are many agents of the secret police of that country disguised as pilgrims. They are here principally in order to prevent any intimate contacts between the Iranian and the Iraqis hajj pilgrims, and thereby check the rise of any sympathetic feelings among the Iraqi Muslims with their Iranian brothers-in-faith.

This year the Iranian pilgrims have outnumbered pilgrims from any other country. Egypt and Indonesia stand second and third in the number of their pilgrims here.

IRNA Cites Islamic Court Statement Issued in New Delhi
LD290927 Tehran IRNA in English 0907 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 29, IRNA — The international Islamic Court in a statement referring to the point that the Islamic

Revolution is in great danger from vicious objectives of satanic powers, announced that these powers were united to impose war against Iran.

The court, consisting of lawyers and scholars from Asia, Africa, Europe, and America, in its statement added that Eastern and Western superpowers cannot endure a ruling system in Iran which is a pattern for Muslims and has thrown away culture and economic influences caused by domination of East and West.

The statement, referring to the plots of world oppressors against the Islamic Revolution, added that the enemies of Islam have committed inhumane plots such as economic sanctions, deployment of chemical weapons, and military invasions to create instability in Iran to prevent the expansion of the Islamic Revolution, but they will not achieve their vicious goals.

The statement invited Muslims of the world to uprise and revive the true power of Islam and overthrow blasphemous powers.

The statement concluded by calling on all scientists, authors, journalists, and Islamic parties not to rely on false international organisations such as human rights and to solve Muslim problems through Islamic solutions.

Bakhtaran 'Mopping-Up' Operations Successful

LD281325 Tehran IRNA in English 1314 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Bakhtaran, aug. 20, Irna — The commander of the district seven of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC), Abbas Mohtaj, reported today that a large number of members of the outlawed Kumeleh group of Kordestan were killed in the recent successful mopping up operations in west Iran.

He added that even Radio Kumeleh confessed that 10 top-ranking members of the party in Ravansar and 10 others in Kurish were killed during the recent operations.

Mohtaj noted that in this operation, which was aimed at mopping up the region from armed insurgents and counterrevolutionaries, many documents had been seized which proved all-out Iraqi support for the counterrevolutionaries in Iran.

He called on all counterrevolutionaries to return to Islam and get a letter of pardon before the combatants of Islam deal the final blow on them.

Mas'ud Rajavi Denounces Kordestan Deportation

AU272135 Rome ANSA in English 1940 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Text] (ANSA) Rome, August 27 — Iranian resistance leader Mas'ud Rajavi has denounced an Iranian Government plan to "deport" en masse a large number of inhabitants of the Iranian Kordestan to curb resistance actions in the region.

According to a statement released in Rome, Rajavi (who lives in exile in Paris) said that the inhabitants of 66 villages — about ten thousand persons — will be forced to abandon "all their possessions: homes, fields and animals".

The exodus should take place in coming weeks "at the peak of harvest time and at the eve of the autumn season".

According to Rajavi, who is leader of the mojahedin movement and is in favor of the self-determination of Kordestan, forced emigration of the thousand [figure as received] Kurds represents the Tehran government's extreme action to put an end to the resistance in the region.

The exiled Iranian leader called on the secretary general of the United Nations and the major humanitarian organizations to "obstruct with all means the fulfillment of this inhuman plan of the Khomeyni regime".

Radio Iran Comments on Incidents in Capital

Tehran Bomb Blast

GF241854 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 24 Aug 84

[Excerpts] The National Iranian Resistance Movement and [word indistinct] which have always expressed their deep hatred and opposition to terrorism and every act [word indistinct] strongly condemn the bomb blast incident at Tehran's railroad station.

Following the bomb blast in the northwestern part of Tehran railroad square which resulted in at least 18 people killed and more than 300 wounded and disabled, all informed sources and opposition groups unanimously announced that the Islamic Republic regime of Khomeyni was the perpetrator of this barbaric catastrophe.

The radio of the Iranian nation — Radio Iran — broadcast (?5 August) a directive it had obtained of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. In this classified directive which was codenamed "Yaqut," the Guards' Corps' high command told all its units throughout the country that counterrevolutionary elements intended to plant a bomb in the railroad station. At that time, Radio Iran warned that this plot [word indistinct] by the mullahs' regime to drag the innocent people of Iran into bloodshed in order to implement their nefarious designs.

In another classified and secret document which was disseminated by the Guards' command, and which Radio Iran also warned the people of Iran about, they claimed that the counterrevolution intended to set fire to many parts [of the city] on a large scale. This prediction has not yet materialized, but Radio Iran warns that the elements who set fire to the Rex cinema in Abadan will not feel any qualms about creating other crises. The plan to set afire populous areas — mostly locations where the oppressed of Tehran live — will be carried out on the orders of the Guards' Corps and the arcane elements of the regime.

In any case, the department of the information and intelligence of the regime headed by the criminal [word indistinct] Mohammad Reyshahri has officially begun work. Following the bomb blast in Tehran's railroad square which made a 2-meter deep hole in the ground, one of the regime's agents in Paris contacted the offices of a news agency in France and posed as a spokesman for

the promonarchist Arya organization. In broken English he professed the organization's responsibility for this blast. A source close to Arya refuted this in a telephone conversation with Radio Iran's correspondent in Paris and violently castigated this conspiracy as loathsome and criminal. The head office of the Arya organization is located in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, the Jebh-ye Nejat-e Iran, a promonarchist organization, denounced the bombing as hateful and abominable. The spokesman of this organization said the Islamic regime's authorities wish to denigrate the monarchists by perpetrating such atrocities.

Yesterday, another person who spoke Persian with an Arabic accent contacted the AFP office in Tehran and claimed that the Shaheed Khallaqi organization was responsible. AFP considered this a fabrication and ignored this person's claim as insignificant.

Informed sources say that internal differences, a power struggle, and the regime's effete and abject administration of the country's affairs, which is characterized by differences of opinion, indifference, and the illiteracy of the regime's agents, have been aggravated by Khomeyni's illness, spiraling inflation, staggering prices, shortages which have raised a hue and cry among the people, the lull in the war with Iraq, and the everincreasing clamor of the people against the daily problems and price rises — all of which are reasons for this sanguinary exhibition by the Islamic Republic's regime which will continue to use the incident to sway public opinion and, on the basis of the tit for tat principle, it will increase the intensity of its murder and strangulation.

Shooting, Tension in Tehran

GF281719 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Sounds of shooting reverberated in many parts of Tehran yesterday. Most areas of the capital seemed gripped with an unusual tension. Following various shortages, recent demonstrations by unbridled Hezbollahis against women not conforming to the Islamic dress codes, and repeated power failure during summer heat, violent clashes took place yesterday between the people who have reached the end of their endurance and the armed guards of the regime in the streets of Tehran.

Some people were killed in these clashes in the 'Eshratabad Avenue area. Reports reaching here state the intensity of these clashes in north 'Eshratabad climaxed when some of the courageous Guards, who have been maligned due to the crises created by the regime and who are disgusted with the state of affairs, shot some of their hireling colleagues in support of the people. In the demonstrations in Tehran yesterday, the people shouted antiregime slogans such as "Death to Khomeyni."

As a result of the moves by the Guards on the scene to disperse the protesters, the infuriated people of Tehran set fire to three or four regime patrol vehicles.

[illegible]ne'i, Hashemi-Rafsanjani Clash

GF281714 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] According to nationalist elements, a violent clash occurred between Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i and Hashemi-Rafsanjani during the session of the Supreme Defense Council yesterday, on the subject of whether or not to launch a new offensive by the Islamic Republic of Iran on Iraqi territory. Khamene'i is the chief of the Supreme Defense Council, and Hashemi-Rafsanjani is Khomeyni's deputy in the Supreme Defense Council.